



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: Joseph E. Valenza

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Title: CONTINUOUS MOTION ROBOTIC MANIPULATOR

ELECTION AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir/Madam:

This is responsive to the Office Communication mailed September 27, 2002, in which an Election Requirement was recited relating to the asserted species of FIGS. 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 4A, 5A, 5B, 5C, 9A, 11A, and 11B. The Examiner stated that none of the claims are generic.

In response, Applicant first respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's position regarding the existence of one or more generic claims. In particular, Applicant believes that at least claims 1 and 40 are generic to all identified species. Further, Applicant is unclear as to the Examiner's reasoning in identifying the asserted species. For example, Applicant notes that FIG. 1A reflects a highly simplified representation of a coupled continuous motion robotic device of which FIG. 2-4B are exemplary embodiments. Similarly, FIG. 1A presents a highly simplified representation of a decoupled continuous motion robotic device of which FIGS. 5A-10B are exemplary embodiments. FIG. 1C presents, in highly simplified form, a joint configuration useful with any of the exemplary embodiments of the figures, whereas FIGS. 11A and 11B illustrate possible use of any of the exemplary embodiments of the figures.

Notwithstanding the above explanation, Applicant hereby elects the asserted species of FIG. 5B in combination with the drive of FIG. 6A-6B for prosecution on the merits. Applicant further asserts that at least claims 1-3, 8, 9, 18-22, 27, 28, 34, 40, 42-45, and 47-49 are readable thereon.

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Having thus addressed the Election Requirement imposed by the Examiner,
examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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[] MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED						\$0.00
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